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5 FAH-3 TAGS/Terms Handbook

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TAGS/TERMS UPDATES

MAJOR CHANGES:

- 1. The Office of IRM Programs and Services, Programs and Policies Division is responsible for the TAGS/Terms Handbook. Please direct all questions concerning the proper usage of TAGS, request for new TAGS, etc. to A/RPS/IPS/PP on (202) 647-6762 or (202) 647-5045.
- 2. The following Subject TAGS were added: AOMS
- 3. The following K TAGS were added: KECF, KESS, KIRF, KSRK, KWIR, and KY2K
- 4. The following terms were added: Assignment, Communications, Differential, Office Management Specialists, Office Manager, OMS Coordinator, OMS Classification, OMS Conduct, OMS Open Assignments List, OMS Promotion, OMS Reassignment, OMS Resignation, OMS Separation, OMS Vacancy Announcement, and Volunteer Cable.
- 5. One organization was added: SPF
- 6. An organization name change occurred for SPC.
- 7. Revisions since the last update appear in italics. The italics will be removed the next time the material is updated. Only current changes will appear in italics. Italics provide a historical record of changes.
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